

## **MINUTES OF THE RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of the Rush County Solid Waste Management District met on January 31, 2005, at 7:10 p.m. Members present were Dwight A. Sweet, Thomas H. Barnes, Marvin L. Cole, Mayor Robert Bridges, John Byrne, and Warren Norris. Tim Wehr was absent due to the Carthage Town Board meeting. Also present were Leigh Morning, Rush County attorney; Lisa Carpenter and Mike Tragesser with CGS; John McCane; and Dick Malcolm.

The first order of business was to organize the Board. Warren Norris moved to nominate Dwight Sweet as Chairperson of the Board; seconded by Tom Barnes. Motion passed.

Tom Barnes moved to nominate Marvin Cole as Vice-Chairperson of the Board; seconded by John Byrne. Motion passed.

Tom Barnes nominated Warren Norris as Secretary of the Board; seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion passed.

Bob Bridges moved to hire CGS to write the Plan for the new Rush County Solid Waste Management District. Tom Barnes seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was decided to have copies of the plan available for public inspection at the Rushville Public Library and the Carthage Public Library.

John McCane brought Senate Bill 280 to the Board's attention. If this bill passes, a county may be able to opt out of a solid waste district. The Board will watch this bill.

Lisa Carpenter reported that Safety Kleen had found a couple of temporary oil barrels and taken them to the Rush County Highway Garage. Jerry Sittin, Rush County Highway Superintendent, stated that he would wait until the correct used oil barrel was available and that the Highway Department would purchase the barrel.

The Board then appointed members to the Citizens Advisory Council. It was decided that the terms of the members should be staggered. CGS was appointed as a representative of the solid waste industry operating in Rush County and to have a term of three (3) years. The citizen appointments were Danny Bennett for a term of two (2) years and Warren E. "Doc" Buhler for a term of one (1) year. Any subsequent appointments would be for a three-year term.

Discussion was then held on the future of the Reuse Center that is currently located next to Rushville City's animal shelter. Dwight Sweet said he believed that it should become the property of the City of Rushville because of all of the work the city employees put into the building. Lisa Carpenter stated that Teresa Southerland mentioned this building at the most recent meeting of the

Three Rivers Solid Waste Management District. Ms. Southerland expressed concern that IDEM may want the money for the building repaid because it was purchased with grant money for Three Rivers and the building is no longer in the District. Bob Bridges stated that city employees put the building together, furnished the concrete, and hooked it up to the City water and sewer. Dick Malcolm stated he thought the agreement with Three Rivers was for the building to revert to the City of Rushville if Rush County was no longer in the Three Rivers District. Warren Norris moved to allow the building to become the property of the City of Rushville, subject to any requirements of IDEM. Tom Barnes seconded the motion. Motion passed, with Bob Bridges and John Byrne abstaining.

Discussion was then held on the continuation of services furnished by Three Rivers. Three Rivers established the business recycling program to be paid for for one year by Three Rivers and then the business was to assume the cost. However, Three Rivers continued to pay the cost. Rush County has currently continued the business recycling program for this year, with Rush County paying the cost.

Mike Tragesser stated that Lynn West with IDEM emphasized that programs currently in effect, such as Tox-A-Way days, should be continued and that it would be difficult to get a Plan approved by IDEM if fewer services were offered. Dwight Sweet suggested that perhaps it could be written into the Plan that these items would be taken care of all year long and that there would not be a specific Tox-A-Way Day each year. Mike Tragesser said that CGS has drop-off sites for used oil, antifreeze and appliances at CGS. People just need to drop off these things during the normal business hours of CGS.

It was decided to not have a booth at the Rush County Fair this year.

Meetings will be held on the first Monday in March and the first Monday at April at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.

John Byrne moved for Leigh Morning to be the attorney for the Solid Waste District; seconded by Warren Norris. Motion passed.

Warren Norris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Marvin Cole. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Dwight A. Sweet  
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/s/ Marvin L. Cole  
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/s/ Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ T.H. Barnes  
Thomas H. Barnes

/s/ Robert M. Bridges  
Robert Bridges

/s/ John Byrne  
John Byrne

Absent  
Tim Wehr